

Sacramento Mather Airport

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Primarily focused on air cargo, Sacramento Mather Airport (MHR) is home to one of the longest runways in California. Located 15 minutes (12 miles) east of downtown Sacramento, MHR is owned and operated by the Sacramento County Airport System (along with Sacramento International Airport, Executive Airport, and Franklin Field). MHR resides within District 3 boundaries.

OPERATIONS

The Mather control tower is manned at all times except on weekends between 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. (Saturday to Sunday and Sunday to Monday).

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- In 1995, the former military base became a 2,700 acre (approximately) cargo and general aviation airport.
- MHR has two parallel commercial runways, the longer of which is 11,300 feet. There are 43 acres of air cargo ramp.
- Mather features spacious facilities, including cargo, warehouse, office space, and over 250,000 square feet of enclosed hangar space. Over 800 acres are available for industrial development.
- No customs landing rights exist at MHR.
- MHR is uniquely situated with nearby access to diverse multimodal facilities such as an international airport, transcontinental rail yard, and a deep-sea port.

AIRPORT TRADE CHARACTERISTICS

- United Parcel Service (UPS) is the one major cargo carrier currently serving MHR.
- DHL, a Veterans Affairs hospital, and technical and aircraft maintenance facilities are also located at or near the airport.



- Shipments include high tech goods, perishables, and time-sensitive medical shipments.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK TRUCKING

Primary North-South Routes

- I-5 and SR 99

Primary East-West Routes

- US 50

US 50 changes from a Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) route to part of the California Legal Truck Network east of Sly Park Road at Pollock Pines (post mile 31.3).

The average daily truck traffic volumes in the Sacramento region reach between 10,000 and 19,999.

SEAPORTS AND RAIL LINE ACCESS

- To the west, just beyond downtown Sacramento is the deepwater Port of West Sacramento. "Marine Highway" barge service to Stockton and Oakland will soon be available.

Freight Planning Fact Sheet

- Both Union Pacific (UP) and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF), provide transcontinental rail service near MHR.
- Short line railroads are also in the vicinity.

PLANNED PROJECTS

- Upgrade of Instrument Landing System from Category (CAT) I to CAT IIIb to improve access during extremely low visibility/ceiling conditions.
- Sort and warehouse facilities, maintenance facility, administration and operations building, and freight warehouse space.
- Infrastructure projects such as adding hangars, relocating the fuel farm, and replacing old utility infrastructure.
- Development of land-side multimodal access infrastructure.
- Extension of shorter runway from 6,500 to 7,200 feet.

OTHER AIRPORT FACTS

- MHR is ranked 70th in North America transporting 45,168 tons of cargo in 2011.
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Northern California Terminal Radar Control (TRACON) facility is located at Mather.
- New residential development around MHR is conditioned to make it compatible with current and future airport operations.

CONSTRAINTS AND ISSUES

- Communities are concerned enough about nighttime air cargo operations that voluntary nighttime noise abatement procedures have been adopted.
- The 2004 Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is not yet certified, delaying new project implementation. Certification expected in 2012.
- MHR has yet to be fully transferred from the U.S. Air Force to the County of Sacramento. The transfer is expected to be completed in 2012.

CALTRANS FOCUS AREAS

- Land use compatibility.
- Implement ways to alleviate highway bottlenecks along truck routes.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PARTNERS

Port of West Sacramento:

<http://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/city/depts/pw/port/>

Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG):

<http://www.sacog.org/>

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD), <http://www.airquality.org/>

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